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REF: (A) MEXICO CITY 1354; (B) QUITO 1286; (C) QUITO 1334;
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1. AS REPORTED IN SEPTEL, GALINDO-POHL HAS CONFIRMED THAT
HE WILL ISSUE INVITATIONS TO MARCH 8-12 NEW YORK TUNA
MEETING. ON FEBRUARY 24 DEPT OFFICIALS WILL MEET WITH
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GALINDO-POHL IN NEW YORK TO GO OVER RESULTS OF INTERIM

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CONSULTATIONS. AT THAT TIME DEPT OFFICIALS WILL GIVE GALINDO POHL ENGLISH VERSION OF TEXTS WORKED OUT WITH GOM AND GOE. DEPT OFFICIALS WILL ASK GALINDO POHL TO HAVE OFFICIAL SPANISH TRANSLATION PREPARED FOR DISTRIBUTION AT APPROPRIATE TIME DURING MARCH MEETING, AS GOM AND GOE MAY DESIRE.

2. DEPT WOULD LIKE TO DISTRIBUTE TEXTS TELEGRAPHICALLY TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE TALKS, BUT IS RELUCTANT TO DO SO WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF GOE AND GOM. EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO SEEK CONCURRENCE OF HOST GOVERNMENTS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF TEXT. TEXTS COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO SIMPLY INTERIM CONSULTATIONS, OR TO GOM AND GOE AS THEY SO DESIRE.

3. FOR MEXICO CITY: DEPT HAS TAKEN NOTE OF POINT MADE IN REFTEL (A), AND HAS CHANGED USG-GOM TEXT TO REFLECT SUBSECRETARY CASTENEDA'S THINKING. IN TEXT WE WILL GIVE TO GALINDO POHL, AS WELL AS TEXT WE WOULD DISTRIBUTE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS, DEPT HAS CHANGED VARIANT B, PARAGRAPH 6 OF USG-GOM TEXT TO VARIANT C, PARAGRAPH 7 OF GALINDO POHL TEXT.

4. FOR QUITO: DEPT HAS NO OBJECTION TO EMBASSY SHARING WITH GOE SUBSECRETARY CASTENEDA'S THINKING AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL (B). REGARDING REFTEL (C), DEPT HAS NOT HAD ENGLISH VERSION OF USG-GOE TEXT OFFICIALLY TRANSLATED, AND DOES NOT INTEND TO DO SO. AS NOTED IN PARAGRAPH 1, DEPT WILL ASK GALINDO POHL TO HAVE OFFICIAL SPANISH TRANSLATIONS PREPARED BY UN SECRETARIAT. EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION WILL HAVE TO SERVE UNTIL NEW YORK MEETING.

5. REGARDING REFTEL (D), AMBASSADOR GARCIA VELASCO'S IMPRESSION DIFFERS FROM DEPT'S UNDERSTANDING OF GOM INTENT. DEPT UNDERSTANDING IS THAT GOM INVITATION WILL BE FOR A PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE OF ALL OF THE STATES OF THE REGION AS WELL AS THE TRADITIONAL DISTANT WATER FISHING STATES, AND THAT INVITATION WILL NOT BE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF IATTC. HOWEVER, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT BASIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED MEETING WOULD BE TO RENEGOTIATE IATTC. IF DEPT'S UNDERSTANDING DOES NOT REFLECT CURRENT GOM THINKING, DEPT WILL STRONGLY URGE GOM TO HOLD PROPOSED MEETING OUTSIDE IATTC CONTEXT. DEPT OFFICIALS WILL INFORMALLY RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH BOTH GOM AND GOE AT THE NEW YORK MEETING. INGERSOLL

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